



## About the CJCC:

The Coconino County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is a collaborative body consisting of state, county, and municipal agencies as well as private organizations. The mission of the Council is to promote the safety of the citizens of Coconino County, the efficient and just treatment of offenders and to work toward prevention of crime and the reduction of recidivism.

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## County Recidivism Rates Continue Downward Trend

End-of-year data for 2012 confirms the continuance of the eight-year trend of decreasing recidivism rates for Coconino County offenders. Recidivism, defined for purposes of this review as reoffending within Coconino County within 365 days of release, has steadily declined since 2005. Misdemeanor recidivism for 2011 through 2012 was 21.09%, down from 36.31% in 2005. Felony recidivism for 2011 through 2012 was at an all-time low of 17.57% down from 33.05% in 2005.

A preliminary review of the data indicates several possible causes for the continuing trend. Notably, during the same period, total bookings at the Coconino County detention facility peaked in 2007 at 12,051 bookings and trended downward to a low of 9,601 in 2012. It is unclear whether the decreased bookings are a result of the decreasing recidivism, however the continuance of declining arrests in conjunction with declining recidivism suggests that recidivism's variance is at least partially independent of arrest practices.



The Law Enforcement Administrative Facility on Sawmill Road, Flagstaff.

substance abuse treatment program run at the county's detention facility. Exodus has had 991 participants since the

program started in 2007. Recidivism rates for Exodus participants have been markedly lower than nonparticipant recidivism rates with similar risk factors. Since the program's inception participants in the program's general population and women's program is 33% and 15% for the probation program.

A major contributing factor to declining recidivism is likely the continued success of the Exodus

## 2012 Arizona Youth Survey Released

In November the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission published the 2012 Arizona Youth Survey. The survey obtained participation from schools in all of Arizona's fifteen counties and includes data on alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) use by students, gambling, bullying, as well as the presence of risk and protective factors that contribute to this behavior.

Overall the report was positive for Coconino County. Lifetime ATOD use amongst Coconino County students was down for most categories except for slight increases in use of prescription stimulants, over-the-counter drugs, hallucinogens and ecstasy. Likewise student participation in antisocial behavior, binge drinking, and drinking and driving are declining slightly.

Despite the generally positive results, the data does give some cause for concern. While the overall ATOD use amongst Coconino students has declined, 12th graders exhibited an increase in most substance use categories as compared to their usage rates in 2008 and 2010.

For a full copy of the report, please contact the CJCC coordinator or visit the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission website at <http://www.azcjc.gov>



## New Study Confirms Link Between Adolescent Alcohol Use and Crime

Social scientists have long known of the relationship between alcohol use and crime in the adult offender population. There has been less research on alcohol and crime in the adolescent population where research has traditionally focused on illegal drug use and crime. A study published in the March, 2012 issue of *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, however, confirms the long held intuitions of many that adolescents who drink alcohol are more likely to commit crime.



The researchers utilized data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health to better understand alcohol use patterns and criminal behavior in adolescents to young adults. The findings were conclusive that a positive relationship existed between alcohol consumption and the commission of crimes, as well as criminal victimization in adolescents and young adults. The study's authors concluded that public policy tools that reduce drinking among adolescents could also reduce criminal activity and "indirectly reduce delinquency and thus have greater long-term economic benefits than have been previously estimated."

Ioana Popovici, Jenny F. Homer, Hai Fang and Michael T. French. (March 2012). Alcohol use and crime: findings from a longitudinal sample of U.S. adolescents and young adults. *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research (ACER)*. 36(3): 532-543.

## The Guidance Center Appoints New Chief Executive Officer

The Guidance Center, Inc. announced the appointment of Jack Callaghan, Ph.D. to the position of Chief Executive Officer, effective December 10, 2012. Dr. Callaghan brings over thirty-five years of behavioral health experience to his new position at The Guidance Center. A graduate of Harvard University and the University of Chicago, Dr. Callaghan worked for a time at the Hopi Center for Human Services at Second Mesa, Arizona where he served both Hopi and Navajo families.

In 2002, Dr. Callaghan was appointed Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Health by Governor Gary Johnson.

Dr. Callaghan spent almost thirty years serving the people of the state of New Mexico in various supervisor and director roles for multiple state agencies. He was most recently the program director and technical expert lead for a team that provided technical assistance to thirty-eight nationwide Women, Children, and Family Treatment (WCFT) programs in conjunction with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Prior to this position he was the Director of the Public Health Division of the Department of Health for the State of New Mexico. He has served as the Director of the Family Services Division of the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department and also served for almost eight years as the Director of the Division of Mental Health for the Department of Health for the State of New Mexico.

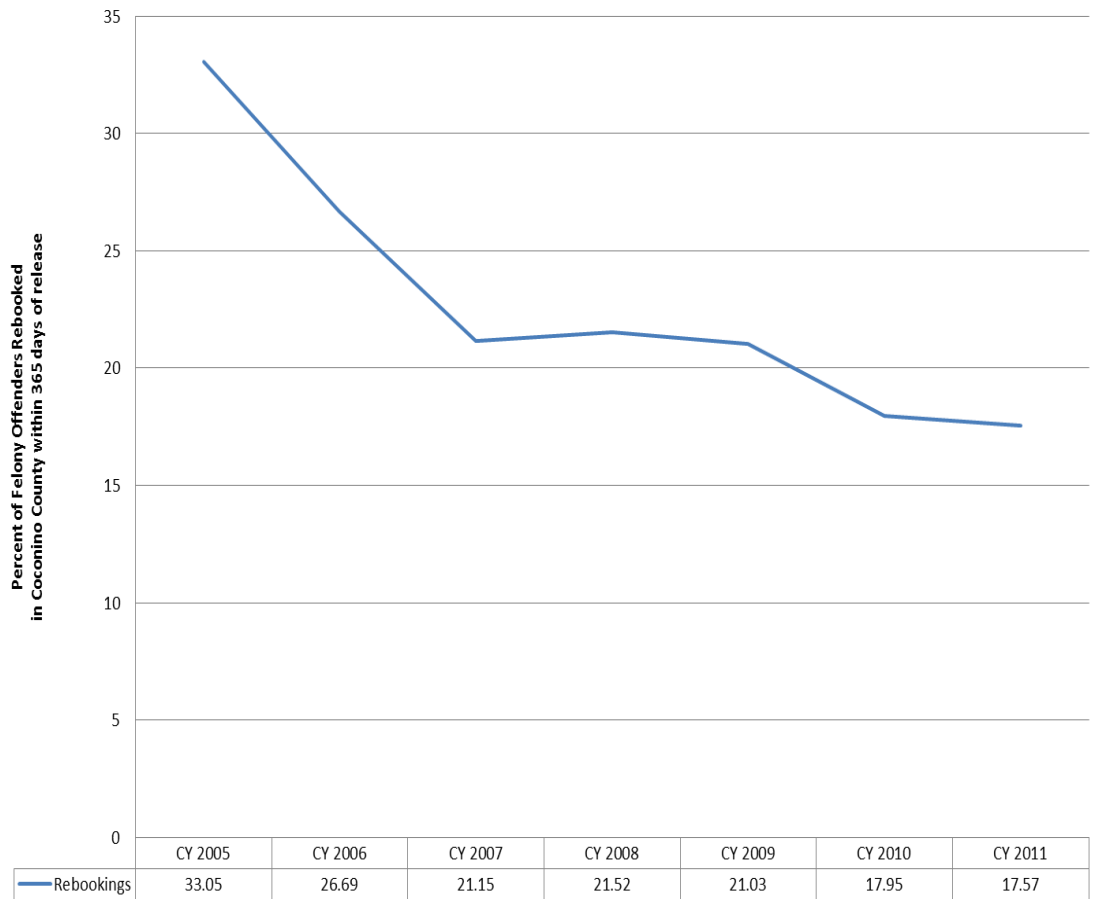
Coconino County recidivism data based on recidivism as defined as an offender being rebooked in Coconino County within 1 calendar year of the offender's original release.

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# Coconino County Recidivism Data

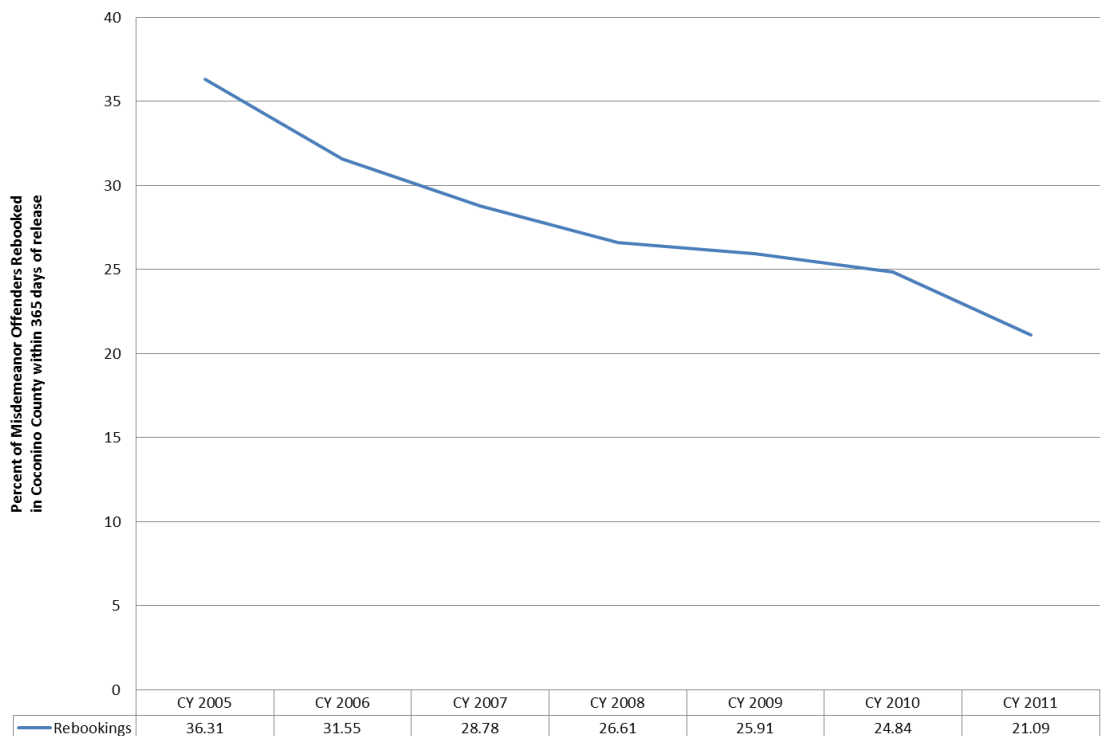
## Felony Recidivism Trend

LGAN Data run date 01/07/2013



## Misdemeanor Recidivism Trend

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